

In the claims

- b1
1. (Currently amended) A pneumatic tubeless tire of the type having a tire bead in sealing abutment with a rim seat inwardly from a rim edge on each side of an ~~undivided~~ annular rim, the improvement comprising;

an elastic internal annular lip seal which extends along each of the rim seats and inwardly from the tire bead; wherein each of the lip seals has a width that includes an outer part and an inner part; wherein the outer part of the lip seal~~an outer part of the internal lip seal proximal to the rim edge~~ is fastened to the tire bead; ~~at a distance from its end and~~ wherein the inner part rests on the rim and extends toward and terminates prior to an axial centerline of the rim~~an inner edge of the lip seal rests on the rim the inner part of the internal seal proximal to the center of the rim having a circumference which is slightly smaller than the circumference of the rim at this location~~ and wherein the lip seal is adapted to seal ~~at least in~~ against a the region of the abutment of the tire bead with the rim seat through the influence of the pneumatic pressure in the tire.
 2. (Currently amended) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1, wherein the outer part of the lip seal is glued to the tire ~~rim~~ bead.
 3. (Currently amended) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1 wherein the lip seal comprises a material of such softness as to cause the seal

b1
cont

to lie in sealing abutment with ~~its underlying supporting surface~~ the rim
essentially along the whole of the ~~extension~~ inner part of the seal.

4. (Currently amended) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1
wherein the lip seal is comprised of a relatively rigid elastic material and is
adapted to lie in sealing abutment with the rim at least at the inward section of
the inner part of said seal.
5. (Previously submitted) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1,
wherein the lip seal is fastened with the edge of its outer part spaced from the
end of the tire bead by at least 50-70mm.
6. (Previously submitted) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1,
wherein the lip seal has a skirt-like configuration with the inner part of said seal
resting loosely on the rim.
7. (Canceled)
- ~~8.~~¹ (Previously submitted) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1,
wherein the tire is a low profile tire.
- ~~8.~~⁸ (Previously submitted) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim ~~8~~⁷,

wherein the tire is an off-road tire.

9

10.

(Currently amended) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 2, wherein the lip seal comprises a material of such softness as to cause the seal to lie in sealing abutment with ~~its underlying supporting surface~~ the rim essentially along the whole of the ~~extension of the~~ inner part of the seal.

b1
cont

10

11.

(Currently amended) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 2, wherein the lip seal is comprised of a relatively rigid elastic material and is adapted to lie in sealing abutment with the rim at least at the inward section of the inner part of said seal.

11

12.

(Previously submitted) The pneumatic tubeless tire as defined in Claim 1, wherein the lip seal is manufactured from rubber.
